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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Luke P. Lee et al.

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
INTEGRATED CELL HANDLING AND
MEASUREMENTS**

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47 (a)
REGARDING JOINT INVENTORS WHO
REFUSE TO SIGN

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Dear Sir:

STATEMENT OF LAST KNOWN ADDRESS

(1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.47 (a), the undersigned attorney of record hereby attests that the last known address of the inventors is as follows:

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This is the last known address at which each of the inventors customarily receives or received mail and is the last known residence of the non-signing inventors. At the present time, no other addresses are known for the inventor.

STATEMENT OF PERTINENT FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

(2) The facts regarding the attempt to have the inventor sign the declaration are as follows:

(a1) Luke P. Lee was employed by the University of California as a Professor at the time the invention was conceived and up until the present.

(a2) Jeonggi Seo was employed as a graduate student by the University of California the time the invention was conceived, but is no longer employed.

(b) On June 15, 2009, I contacted Prof. Lee and Mr. Seo by email along with the other joint inventors and forwarded to them a copy of the application as filed and requested their signatures on the inventor declaration. On July 9, 2009, I again contacted Prof. Lee and Mr. Seo by email and requested their signatures on the inventor declaration. I did not receive any response to either of my emails.

(c) In previous meetings regarding Application No.: 11/466,104, an application that claims priority from the PCT application from which this national phase application is filed, Prof. Lee indicated that he would not sign any of the patent applications that claimed priority from PCT/US05/08349 due to a disagreement regarding inventorship, though Prof. Lee did sign the disclosure documents and request of the PCT patent application listing the present co-inventors.

(d) I have reviewed the original disclosure documents and earlier patent applications that Prof. Lee had signed as a joint inventor with the other inventors listed on this application and I concluded after consultation with other joint inventors and after review of disclosure materials that the actual inventors as listed were correct given the best information available at this time.

(e) In previous telephone conversations, Mr. Seo has stated that he had received all of the documents, but after consultation with Prof. Lee, would not sign the application at this time.

(f) The last communication with Mr. Seo was on 9 July 2009.

(g) The last communication with Prof. Lee was on 9 July 2009.

PROOF OF THE PERTINENT FACTS

(3) Attorney of Record showing that Luke P. Lee and Jeonggi Seo refuse to sign after diligent effort consists of the statements provided above, and of the attached document, which I attest are true copy of the original. The following document is attached hereto:

(a) Copy of emails dated 15 June 2009 and 9 July 2009 as described above (Attachment A).

(4) Furthermore, assignee's showing that they have a right to take action in this matter is demonstrated by the following:

(b) Copy of signature pages of related PCT Patent Application PCT/US05/08349, which is a priority document for this application, signed by Luke P. Lee and Jeonggi Seo as joint applicants with the University of California dated 04-05-2004 (Attachment B).

SHOWING THAT SUCH ACTION IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES OR TO PREVENT IRREPARABLE DAMAGE

(4) The subject application discloses valuable research and innovation developed using facilities of the University of California and to which the University of California has ownership and/or other rights. Any delay in completing the filing of this application will damage the University of California's present opportunities and future rights to the inventions disclosed in this application. Therefore, acceptance of this petition is necessary to preserve the rights of University of California and/or to prevent irreparable damage to their interests in this invention.

(5) I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this statement is directed.

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